



Wednesday, 16 March 2022

**TO EACH MEMBER OF GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF GLOUCESTER** to be held at the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP on **Thursday, 24th March 2022 at 6.45 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES (Pages 9 - 28)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 24 February 2022 and the ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 February 2022.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive from Members, declarations of the existence of any disclosable pecuniary, or non-pecuniary, interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Agenda Notes.

4. **CALL OVER**

(a) Call over (items 9-12) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for discussion.

(b) To approve the recommendations of those reports which have not been reserved for discussion.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to Cabinet Members or Committee Chairs provided that a question does not relate to:

- Matters which are the subject of current or pending legal proceedings or
- Matters relating to employees or former employees of the Council or comments in respect of individual Council Officers.

To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to [democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk) by 12 noon on Friday 18 March 2022 or telephone 01452 396203 for support.

## 6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

A period not exceeding three minutes is allowed for the presentation of a petition or deputation provided that no such petition or deputation is in relation to:

- Matters relating to individual Council Officers, or
- Matters relating to current or pending legal proceedings

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from:

- a) The Mayor
- b) Leader of the Council
- c) Members of the Cabinet
- d) Chairs of Committees
- e) Head of Paid Service

## 8. MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME

### a) Leader and Cabinet Members' Question Time (45 minutes)

Any member of the Council may ask the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member any question upon:

- Any matter relating to the Council's administration
- Any matter relating to any report of the Cabinet appearing on the Council's summons
- A matter coming within their portfolio of responsibilities

### b) Questions to Chairs of Meetings (15 Minutes)

Questions and responses will be published at least 24 hours before the meeting. Supplementary questions will be put and answered during the meeting, subject to the relevant time limit.

## **ISSUES FOR DECISION BY COUNCIL**

### **9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23 (Pages 29 - 68)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval for the Treasury Management Strategy, the prudential indicators and noting the Treasury activities.

### **10. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2022/23 (Pages 69 - 80)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval for the Capital Strategy.

### **11. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022-23 (Pages 81 - 92)**

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking approval the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23.

### **12. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE (Pages 93 - 104)**

To consider the report of the Leader of the Council requesting to extend the operation of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) until 31 March 2023 and to delegate authority to the Head of Paid Service to amend the Inter-Authority Agreement (dated 4 September 2014) accordingly.

## **MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

### **13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **1. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PULLEN**

"This council recognises the major impact the Covid 19 pandemic has had on Gloucester with virtually all areas in the city being affected. Many people have contracted the virus and too many have lost their lives with friends and families losing loved ones.

Health and welfare services have been pushed to the limit but have done a fantastic job in extremely difficult circumstances.

The business community has been severely hit with many local companies struggling to cope.

However, the resilience and determination of Gloucester people has shone through and there has been many excellent examples of people and organisations going that extra mile to help others.

The efforts of key workers have been phenomenal and along with our outstanding NHS staff they have continued to deliver essential services and their vital role in 4 looking after us. This has been despite often extreme and very

challenging circumstances.

The city has also experienced a massive community spirit with local volunteers and community organisations looking after vulnerable people and those who were isolating, ensuring they had food and other essential supplies.

The Covid pandemic is not over yet and it may be still too early to call. However, it is time to start thinking about how Gloucester marks and remembers the huge impact that Covid has had on our city, the sacrifices people have made and the sterling community effort that took place in order to cope.

It would therefore be very appropriate to create a permanent and long lasting Covid Memorial to be placed in a prominent position in the city centre. The memorial would remember all those who lost their lives and be a fitting tribute to key workers in essential services and the phenomenal community effort that was made.

The memorial would tell the story of how the people of Gloucester coped with the Covid pandemic so that future generations could appreciate and understand the sacrifices that were made.

Gloucester City Council should take the lead in creating the memorial but should do so in partnership with the many appropriate organisations and interested parties in the city. This would ensure a structure that was created by and representative of a wide range of people communities and organisations.

Council resolves to:

- Take the lead in creating a lasting Covid Memorial to be sited in a prominent position in the City Centre.
- Design a fitting tribute that remembers those who lost their lives and recognises the immense contribution that key workers, volunteers and community organisations made during the crisis.
- Bring together a partnership of appropriate organisations and agencies to deliver the project and draw on their resources, skills and talents.
- Fully involve local people, communities and voluntary organisations.”

## **2. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FIELD**

"Council notes the recent #bouncingback project, which was jointly funded by Gloucester BID and the City Council.

Council notes that this project sought to enhance the street scene by ‘converting often unkempt street furniture into bright points of interest’. 5 local artists were involved in painting a total of 75 boxes, including electric and BT boxes, with the agreement of the owners.

Council commends this project which has delivered some excellent public art, commemorated aspects of Gloucester history and provided a talking point.

Council records its thanks to those who organised and took part in the project.

Council resolves to examine ways to expand the project in the future, such as encouraging members, residents and community groups to identify street furniture or appropriate sites in their wards to be brightened through painting, cleaning or planting, and inviting submissions of historical figures, events and logos to be commemorated.

Council further resolves to apply for any suitable funding from government or other sources to expand this work, and to work with the BID and other local partners to ensure that this project is fully publicised, promoted and celebrated in the future."

### **3. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HILTON**

"This Council notes the publication of the Government's Levelling Up White Paper.

This Council notes that the White Paper proposes a devolution framework based on three levels of implementation.

This Council agrees to hold an all member briefing so that councillors can consider the three options for devolution and to allow the council to develop an engagement strategy.

This Council agrees that it should support an option that not only retains the powers of this council, but one which strengthens this council's ability to deliver what's best for the city of Gloucester."

### **4. PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR KUBASZCZYK**

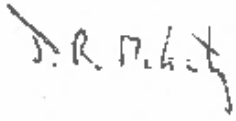
"This Council notes that it passed a motion unanimously condemning the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.

This Council recognizes that the invasion is continuing and has caused millions of Ukrainians to flee the fighting, escape the country and become refugees. Many millions more have stayed in Ukraine and have lost or will lose everything.

We note that these circumstances create huge needs amongst both those fleeing and remaining, and especially note the efforts of many, many people in Gloucester and surrounding areas who have donated huge amounts of cash to organisations established to provide help. This Council especially wants to thank those who have donated huge amounts of goods and arranged their transport to places where they can be distributed to those who need them.

This Council pledges to provide the practical help it is able to do, to those refugees who ultimately find themselves in Gloucester and encourages residents to continue to help in the generous spirit they have so far shown."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. McGinty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Jon McGinty**  
**Managing Director**

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

The duties to register, disclose and not to participate in respect of any matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as follows –

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Prescribed description</u>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the previous 12 months (up to and including the date of notification of the interest) in respect of any expenses incurred by you carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area.  For this purpose "land" includes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you, your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Council's area for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) – (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you, your spouse or civil partner or a person you are living with as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where – (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and (b) either – i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share

- capital of that body; or
- ii. If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

For this purpose, “securities” means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

NOTE: the requirements in respect of the registration and disclosure of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and withdrawing from participating in respect of any matter where you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest apply to your interests and those of your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner where you are aware of their interest.

### **Access to Information**

Agendas and reports can be viewed on the Gloucester City Council website: [www.gloucester.gov.uk](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk) and are available to view five working days prior to the meeting date.

For enquiries about Gloucester City Council’s meetings please contact Democratic Services, 01452 396126, [democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk).

If you, or someone you know cannot understand English and need help with this information, or if you would like a large print, Braille, or audio version of this information please call 01452 396396.

### **Recording of meetings**

Please be aware that meetings may be recorded. There is no requirement for those wishing to record proceedings to notify the Council in advance; however, as a courtesy, anyone wishing to do so is advised to make the Mayor aware before the meeting starts.

Any recording must take place in such a way as to ensure that the view of Councillors, Officers, the Public and Press is not obstructed. The use of flash photography and/or additional lighting will not be allowed unless this has been discussed and agreed in advance of the meeting.

### **FIRE / EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

If the fire alarm sounds continuously, or if you are instructed to do so, you must leave the building by the nearest available exit. You will be directed to the nearest exit by council staff. It is vital that you follow their instructions:

- You should proceed calmly; do not run and do not use the lifts;
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings;
- Once you are outside, please do not wait immediately next to the building; gather at the assembly point in the car park and await further instructions;
- Do not re-enter the building until told by a member of staff or the fire brigade that it is safe to do so.